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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Previously Presented) An article comprising:
  - a heat spreader including a die side and a heat-sink side;
- a container barrier disposed on the heat spreader die side, wherein the container barrier and the heat spreader form a recess upon the die side; and
  - a channel through the container barrier.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side;
  - a first plug disposed in the channel;
- a second channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a plug disposed in the first channel, wherein the plug is gas-permeable and liquidimpermeable.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, further including:
- a first plug disposed in the first channel, wherein the first plug is gas-permeable and liquid-impermeable;
- a second channel through the container barrier to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and

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a second plug disposed in the second channel, wherein the second plug is gaspermeable and liquid-impermeable.

- 6. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the container barrier is selected from a solder, a leaded solder, a lead-free solder, a reactive solder, an indium material, a tin material, a silver material, a tin-silver material, a tin-silver-indium material, and combinations thereof.
- 7. (Original) The article of claim 1, wherein the container barrier is selected from a metal; a polymer-solder hybrid; a polymer matrix and a metal preform; and a polymer matrix, a metal preform, and a middle heat transfer structure disposed therebetween.
  - 8. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including: a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess.
  - 9. (Original) The article of claim 1, further including:
    a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess, wherein the liquid heattransfer medium is selected from an organic composition, a metal, and combinations
    thereof.
  - 10. (Previously Presented) A package comprising:
    - a heat spreader including a die side and a heat-sink side;
  - a container barrier disposed on the heat spreader die side, wherein the container barrier and the heat spreader forms a recess upon the die side;
    - a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess; and
    - a first channel through the container barrier.
- 11. (Original) The package of claim 10, wherein the heat spreader is selected from a heat slug, a heat pipe, and an integrated heat spreader.

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- The package of claim 10, wherein the die side of the heat spreader 12. (Original) includes a convoluted interface with the liquid heat-transfer medium.
  - (Previously Presented) The package of claim 10, further including: 13.
  - a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and
    - a first plug disposed in the first channel.
  - (Currently Amended) The package of claim 10, further including: 14.
  - a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side;
    - a first plug disposed in the first channel;
  - a second channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side[[; and]].
  - (Previously Presented) The package of claim 10, further including: 15.
    - a first channel through the container barrier; and
    - a first plug disposed in the first channel.
  - (Previously Presented) The package of claim 10, further including: 16.
    - a first channel through the container barrier;
    - a first plug disposed in the first channel; and
    - a second channel through the container barrier.
  - 17. The package of claim 10, further including: (Original) a die in contact with the liquid heat transfer medium.
  - The package of claim 10, further including: 18. (Original) a die in contact with the liquid heat transfer medium; and a mounting substrate coupled to the die.

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> 19. (Withdrawn) A process comprising:

forming a container barrier upon a heat sink substrate to achieve a recess, the recess including:

- a recess wall including the container barrier; and a recess base including the heat sink.
- (Withdrawn) The process of claim 19, wherein forming the container 20. barrier upon the heat sink is cold forming, selected from rolling, pressing, stamping, and combinations thereof.
- (Withdrawn) The process of claim 19, wherein forming the container 21. barrier upon the heat sink includes assembling a polymer-solder hybrid container barrier.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 19, further including: disposing a liquid heat transfer medium in the recess.
  - 23. (Withdrawn) A process comprising:

forming a container barrier upon a die to achieve a recess, the die including an active surface and a backside surface, and the recess including:

- a recess wall including the container barrier; and a recess base including the die backside surface.
- (Withdrawn) The process of claim 23, wherein forming the container 24. barrier upon a die includes assembling a polymer-solder hybrid container barrier.
- 25. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 23, further including: assembling the container barrier upon a heat sink.
- (Withdrawn) The process of claim 23, further including: 26.

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disposing a liquid heat transfer medium in the recess.

- 27. (Currently amended) A computing system comprising:
  - a heat spreader including a die side and a heat-sink side;
- a container barrier disposed on the heat spreader die side, wherein the container barrier and the heat spreader form a recess upon the die side;
  - a channel through the container barrier;
  - a die in contact with the container barrier;
  - a liquid heat-transfer medium disposed in the recess; and dynamic random access memory data-storage coupled to the die.
- 28. (Original) The computing system according to claim 27, wherein the computing system is disposed in one of a computer, a wireless communicator, a hand-held device, an automobile, a locomotive, an aircraft, a watercraft, and a spacecraft.
- 29. (Original) The computing system according to claim 27, wherein the die is selected from a data storage device, a digital signal processor, a micro-controller, an application specific integrated circuit, and a microprocessor.
  - 30. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, further including:
  - a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and
    - a first plug disposed in the first channel.
  - 31. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, further including:
  - a first channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side;
    - a first plug disposed in the channel;

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a second channel through the heat spreader to communicate from the die side to the heat-sink side; and

a second plug disposed in the second channel.

- 32. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 10, further including a second plug disposed in the second channel.
  - 33. (Canceled).